

October 23, 2009

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Claire Hong
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RE: ***Monsanto Company: September 28, 2009 Letter Regarding Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request 10-RIN--326-09***

Dear Ms. Hong:

We are writing on behalf of Monsanto Company in response to your above-referenced letter, received by our client on October 2, 2009. Our client hereby authorizes EPA to remove the CBI designation from the following documents addressed in the Index of CBI Documents Appealed Under FOIA Request 10-RIN-00326-09 attached to EPA's letter:

- Documents produced as responsive to 104(e) Request Question 2.a (24 files) related to the sale agreement and corporate resolutions concerning the facility's sale to Rhone-Poulenc Inc.;
- Documents produced responsive to 104(e) Request Question 5.a (397 files) related to old insurance policies of the former Monsanto Company;
- Document marked Confidential, Vanillin Business-Environmental Matters. Discussion with Rhone-Poulenc 4/22/86 (SEM00004992); and
- Document marked Confidential, Report regarding Environmental Assessment for the Seattle Plant 10/11/82 (SEM00006614).

Pursuant to our recent discussions with EPA Assistant Regional Counsel Alex Fidis and his email communications of October 14, 2009, EPA has extended the deadline for Monsanto Company's response concerning the following documents designated as CBI in Monsanto's initial 104(e) Response:

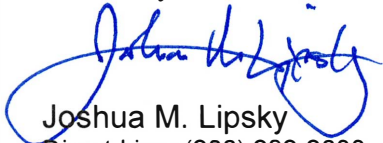
- Information Request Question 1g: SEM00005008;
- Information Request Question 2d: SEM00005022 and SEM00005058; and
- Information Request Question 2h: 11 files.

As to each of these documents, Monsanto will provide a response either supporting or withdrawing the CBI designation no later than November 20, 2009.

Nothing in this response should be construed as a waiver of any rights to confidentiality available to Monsanto or Pharmacia in the future as to these or any other documents, including but not limited to such rights as may arise under any state or federal statute, judicial decision, rule, agreement, regulation or policy.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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